

D-118
James Davis House
Cabin Creek (site)
c. 1840
Private

The James Davis house, also identified as the Theophilus Mowbray house or the Alfred Frosch house, was a distinctive story-and-a-half frame structure that stood on the east side of the county road within the former mill village of Cabin Creek. Abandoned and deteriorating by the early 1970s, the house appears to have dated from the second quarter of the nineteenth century due to architectural features recorded before its demolition. The story-and-a-half, three-bay structure was unusual for its double pile or two-room depth, and exterior brick chimneys defined each gable end. Six-over-six or a few four-over-four sash windows, typical for the period, lighted the first and second floors. The steeply pitched gable roof was marked by a pair of gable roofed dormers fitted with six-over-six sash windows that were framed by unusual molded surrounds. The side hall plan dwelling extended to the rear with a single-story kitchen wing.

The land record research for this property traces the title of this lot back to the mid nineteenth century ownership of James Davis, who purchased portions of "Hope," "Medford's Chance" and the "Mill land" during the mid to late 1840s. Following the Civil War and by the time the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas was published in 1877, the house was occupied by Theophilus Mowbray and his wife Angeline, who had inherited title to the house and acreage from her father Ezekial Williams. Theophius and Angeline Mowbray resided in the house through the early decades of the twentieth century. In August 1920, Angeline, then a widow, sold the property to W. Hamilton Spedden and Jacob H. Waller, and the transfer identified the land as the "Davis or

Medford lands, Lot 1, late residence of Theophilus Mowbray." The last principal owners, Alfred and Mildred Frosch, held title to the story-and-a-half frame house with 90 acres between 1944 and 1979.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-118

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Theophilus Mowbray House or James Davis House
 other Frosch Farmhouse

2. Location

street and number 6311 East New Market-Ellwood Road not for publication
 city, town Cabin Creek vicinity
 county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard Brycen & Rosie Marie Duvall
 street and number 6311 East New Market-Elwood Road telephone 410-
 city, town Hurlock state MD zip code 21643

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 502 folio 385
 city, town Cambridge tax map 13 tax parcel 139 tax ID number 15-017783

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	buildings
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Frosch farmhouse, historically known as the Theophilus Mowbray house, or the James Davis house, was a story-and-a-half, side hall/double-pile plan frame structure that stood at the location of a modern house now identified as 6311 East New Market-Ellwood Road in the community of Cabin Creek, Dorchester County, Maryland. The house stood unoccupied and in deteriorating condition when the structure was recorded in 1971 by Michael Bourne when he added it to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. Efforts were made to save the structure during the 1970s and 1980s, but it was ultimately demolished and the land was subdivided.

The story-and-a-half side hall/double pile frame dwelling appears to have dated from the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Pilaster detailing characteristic of the Greek Revival style defined the front entrance and gable roofed dormers, although the description written during the mid 1970s labeled them as only as "odd." Wide pine floor boards were another feature of the house remembered by the across the street neighbors.

The story-and-a-half, three-bay, double pile frame dwelling was supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior was clad with weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched gable roof, marked by a pair of gable roofed dormers, was sheathed with wood shingles. Sheltering the three-bay front wall was a shed roofed porch supported on square posts. The first and second floors were lighted by mostly by six-over-six sash windows, however a few four-over-four sash were used as well. Rising on the south gable end but set forward off center to the gable as an exterior brick chimney stack marked by corbelled shoulders and a single flue stack. The gable end was flush and trimmed with a molded bargeboard that met a boxed cornice at the base of the roof. The main block extended to the back with a single-story service wing designed with an unusual south side inset corner pierced by a door. The three-bay kitchen was served by a centrally located brick chimney.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The land record research for this property traces the title of this lot back to the mid nineteenth ownership of James Davis, who purchased portions of "Hope," "Medford's Chance," and the "Mill land" during the mid to late 1840s.¹ Following the Civil War and by the time the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas was published in 1877, the house was occupied by Theophilus Mowbray and his wife Angeline, who had inherited title to the house and lot from her father Ezekial Williams.² Theophilis and Angeline Mowbray resided in the house through the early decades of the twentieth century. In August 1920, Angeline, then a widow, sold the property to W. Hamilton Spedden and Jacob H. Waller, and the transfer identified the lands as the "Davis or Medford lands, Lot 1, late residence of Theophilus Mowbray."³ The last principal owners, Alfred and Mildred Frosch held title to the story-and-a-half house and 90 acres between 1944 and 1979.⁴

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 6/527, 11 January 1881, Division of lands of James Davis, Dorchester County Courthouse. See also, WJ 3/280, 19 December 1846; WJ 4/601, 25 March 1848.

² Dorchester County Will Book, EWL 2/424, Written 1.6.1879, proved 5.8.1883, Dorchester County Courthouse.

³ Dorchester County Land Record, WHM 8/402, 20 April 1920, Dorchester County Courthouse

⁴ Dorchester County Land Records, RSM 50/263, 25 September 1944; PLC 212/590, 7 December 1979.

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Theophilus Mowbray House or James Davis House (site)
6311 East New Market-Ellwood Road
Cabin Creek, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 13, Parcel 139

MLB 502/385

Johnson T. Shufelt

to

11.21.2002

Richard Brycen Duvall and Rosie Marie Duvall

\$21,000 Lot No. 6, Subdivision Cabin Creek Landing,
9.8.1987

PLC 212/590

Alfred W. Frosch & Mildred B. Frosch

to

12.7.1979

Johnson T. Shufelt & Jean J. Shufelt

PLC 199/620

Alfred W. Frosch & Mildred B. Frosch

to

4.20.1977

Alfred W. Frosch & Mildred B. Frosch

Second tract

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RSM 50/263

Frank A. Biskach, et ux

to

9.25.1944

Alfred W. Frosch & Mildred B. Frosch

90 acres

RSM 41/9

W. Harrison Speeden & others

to

4.12.1940

Frank A. Biskach

Lot No. 1

WHM 8/402

Angeline Mowbray, widow

to

4.20.1920

W. Hamilton Speeden & Jacob H. Waller

Davis or Medford lands; Lot No. 1, late residence of
Theophilus Mowbray....

Will Book
EWL 2/424

Last Will and Testament of Ezekial Williams

to

Written
1.6.1879
Proved
5.8.1883

Angeline Mowbray

...all that tract of land whereon the said T. Mowbray and wife
now lives..and near Cabin Creek

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CL 5/100

James H. Williams

to

9.10.1881

Ezekial Williams

\$2,500 ...all that undivided three fourths parts of Lot 1, No. 2, Lot No. 3 of the lands of James Davis, deceased, purchased by the said James H. Williams from the Commissioners to value and divide said lands under a Commission, issued out of the Circuit Court of Dorchester County, upon the petition of James E. Douglass and Mary Douglass, life wife, the proceedings in said cause being now of record, among the commission records of said county, FJH 1/356, being the said lands which had been conveyed into the said James H. Williams by deed of even date from Charles W. Carroll, Commissioner

CL 6/527

Charles W. Carroll, Commissioner

to

11.1.1881

James H. Williams

Whereas on or about the 12 day of December, 1864, James E. Douglass and Mary Douglass his wife filed their petition in the Circuit Court of Dorchester County, praying that a Commission might issue...to value and divide the lands of which James Davis died seized and possessed, and a Commission was accordingly issued unto Kendal M. Jacobs, John Webster, Charles W. Carroll, Isaac Davis and Ezekial Williams, all of whom, except Isaac Davis, did thereupon qualify according to law...the said commissioners did divide the lands of aforesaid into

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divers parcels, and designate certain of said parcels as Lot No. 1 containing 156 acres, more or less, Lot No. 2, Containing 10 acres, more or less; and Lot No. 3 containing 30 acres—Elizabeth Davis, widow of the said James Davis, being seized in fee of one undivided fourth of the said parcels, No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, and the three undivided fourths being assigned unto th said widow for her natural life as her dower interest in her said husband's lands, Whereas after the death of said Elizabeth Davis..the commissioners did proceed to sell at public sale the three undivided fourth parts of said Lots No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, and whereas James H. Williams did become purchaser of the same at and for the sum of \$2,539.13....that is to say Lot No. 1 all the undivided fourths of so much and such parts of the tracts of land called and named "Hope," "The Mill Land," and Addition to Mill Land.," lying and being on the South East side of the County road, leading from Cabin Creek to Hunting Creek, which are containing in the following boundaries to wit...

Lot No. 1, 156 acres

Lot No. 2, 10 acres, southeast side of Cabin Creek

Lot No. 3, "Medfords Chance" and "Addition to Medford's Chance, 30 acres

WJ 4/601

Isaac Henry

to

11.25.1848

James Davis

\$300 Medford's Chance and Addition to Medfords Chance"

200 acres more or less

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WJ 3/280

William H. Watkins & wife Sarah E. Watkins

to

12.29.1846

James Davis

Land on the south side of Cabin Creek branch; it being a lot of land assigned to said William H. Watkins in right of his wife, by the commissioners in the division of the real estate of Robert Medford, deceased....containing 53 acres more or less...

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Dorchester County Wills, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Graham, John L. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 41,382 square feet

Acreage of historical setting 90 acres

Quadrangle name Preston, MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

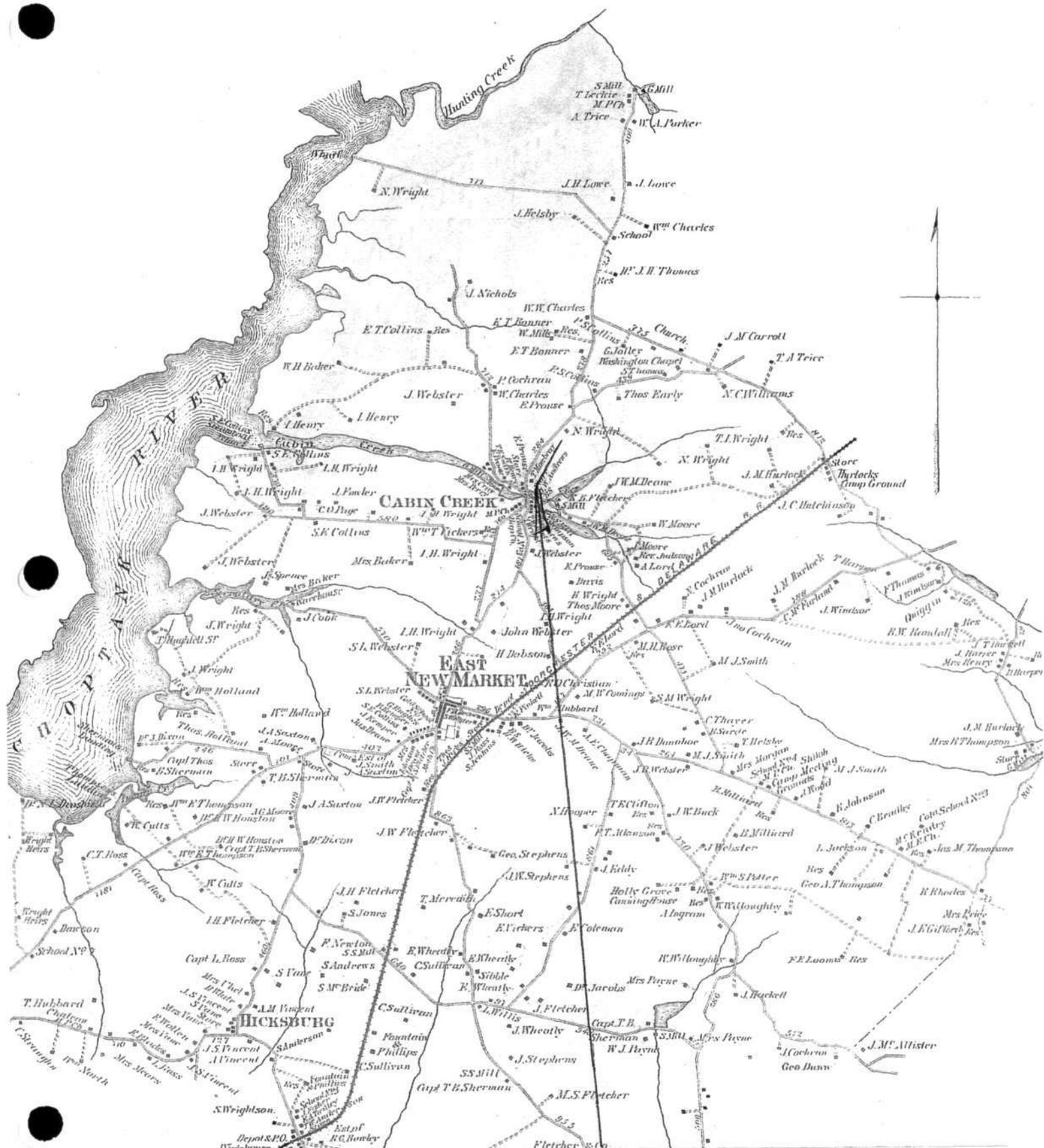
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	11.7.08
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



**EAST
NEW MARKET**

D-118, James Davis House
Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson Atlas
1877

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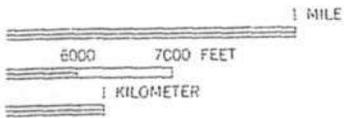


NECK

Waddells
Corner

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Cabin Creek



1 HIGH WATER



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Medium-duty Light-duty
 Unimproved dirt State Route

TAHOE
 (D.C.)
 AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

D-118, James' Davis House
 Preston, MD Quadrangle

PRESTON, MD.
 NW 1/4 HURLOCK 13' QUADRANGLE
 N3837.5-W7552.5/7.5
 1944

INTERIOR- GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.—1962
 MR 1420 423000m.E.

4276
 38
 75°52'30

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Farmhouse)
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Frosch Farmhouse				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Rt. 16, 2.3 miles north of Rt. 14.				
CITY OR TOWN: East New Market				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Vacant</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments <hr/> <hr/>
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Alfred W. Frosch				
STREET AND NUMBER: RFD				
CITY OR TOWN: Hurlock		STATE: Maryland		21643
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 50/250, 50/263				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Frosch Farmhouse is one of the most interesting buildings in the area north of East New Market. It is a one and one-half story frame structure with a one story addition on the back. The front portion has a leanto roof, a side entrance and two windows on the facade and two dormers above. The windows have 6/6 sash and both the door and dormers have odd pilasters. On both gables is a chimney, not symmetrically placed. The south gable has a 4/4 sash window on the west side of the chimney with a door and window on the east side, a window on the second story and a small casement in the attic.</p> <p>A hood covers another door and window, adjacent the main body of the house, which is an extension of the offset kitchen. The kitchen itself has a center door and two windows. There is a chimney in the center of the roof of the kitchen.</p> <p>Presently the house is having a temporary roof installed by interested parties.</p>	

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Frosch Farmhouse is an important early 19th century structure in the area. Few two-room deep houses of this style exist in the county. In form it is more typical of Southern Maryland, though some of the features are absolutely unique.

Could this have been the home of the miller who operated the Upper Cabin Creek mill? If so, it is important as the home of a miller.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:
 District 2, Map 13, p. 67

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: Nov. 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

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M. Bourne Nov 1971